

or inflated claims of client assistance. Such inaccurate or inflated claims may be deemed illegal and punishable by law.

False Statements

A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Primary Applicant Certifications

All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations are provided:

1. *Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension*—Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

2. *Drug-Free Workplace*—Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

3. *Anti-Lobbying*—Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000 and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000 or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater.

4. *Anti-Lobbying Disclosures*—Any applicant that has paid or will pay lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

Lower Tier Certifications

Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of

recipients and should not be transmitted to DoC. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or sub-recipient should be submitted to DoC in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

Buy American Made Equipment or Products

Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the extent feasible, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program in accordance with Congressional intent as set forth in the resolution contained in Public Law 105-119, Sections 607 (a) and (b).

Executive Order 12866: It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

The Recipient shall comply with the provisions of the Fly America Act.

Dated: February 6, 1998.

Courtland Cox,

Acting Director, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Ecosystem Principles Advisory Panel; Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of advisory panel meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 406 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), which requires NMFS to establish an advisory panel to develop recommendations to expand the application of ecosystem principles in fishery conservation and management activities, NMFS is announcing the date, time, and location of the third and final advisory panel meetings scheduled as follows:

DATES: The third advisory panel meeting will be held Thursday, February 26, 1998, 9 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. and Friday, February 27, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Marriott Hotel, 103800 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo, FL 33037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ned Cyr, Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910; Telephone: (301)713-2363, Fax: (301)713-1875.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 406 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act required NMFS to establish an advisory panel, no later than April 11, 1997, to develop recommendations to expand the application of ecosystem principles in fishery conservation and management activities. The panel consists of 20 individuals with expertise in the structures, functions, and physical and biological characteristics of ecosystems. The panel also consists of representatives from the Regional Fishery Management Councils, states, fishing industry, conservation organizations, or others with expertise in the management of marine resources. The panel is required to submit a report to Congress by October 11, 1998, to include the following: an analysis of the extent to which ecosystem principles are being applied in fishery conservation and management activities, including research activities; proposed actions by the Secretary of Commerce and by Congress that should be undertaken to expand the application of ecosystem principles in fishery conservation and management; and such other information as may be appropriate. The first advisory panel meeting was held Wednesday, September 10 and Thursday, September 11, 1997, in Washington, DC. The second advisory panel meeting was held Monday, December 15 and Tuesday, December 16, 1997, in Seattle, WA. Time will be allotted for public comments at the meeting. Persons planning to comment at the panel meeting should notify NMFS at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting (close of business Wednesday, February 11, 1998).

Special Accommodations

The review panel meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ned Cyr at (301) 713-2363 at least 10 days prior to the advisory panel meeting.

Dated: February 6, 1998.

William W. Fox, Jr.,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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